



PETER COURTNEY
President of the Senate

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The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor of Oregon
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Kate Brown:

I am requesting that you direct the Oregon State Police to assist the Senate for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

The Senate is unable to convene and conduct business because of a lack of a quorum. I have dispatched the Sergeant-at-Arms to locate absent senators per Senate Rule 3.55; the Sergeant-at-Arms has been unsuccessful.

Article IV, section 12 of the Oregon Constitution and Senate Rule 3.01(2) provides that the Senate can compel the attendance of absent members to establish a quorum. The Oregon Department of Justice advises that the Oregon State Police, at the direction of the Governor, may assist the Sergeant-at-Arms by returning absent members.

I am thankful to you and the Oregon State Police for helping the Oregon Legislature complete its constitutional responsibilities by ensuring that the legislative branch can continue to operate for the citizens of Oregon.

Respectfully,

Senator Peter Courtney
President of the Senate

cc: Lori Brocker, Secretary of the Senate